Pre-AP BIOLOGY

In Pre-AP Biology, students conduct laboratory and field investigations, use scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving. Students in Biology study a variety of topics that include: structures and functions of cells and viruses; growth and development of organisms; cells, tissues, and organs; nucleic acids and genetics; biological evolution; taxonomy; metabolism and energy transfers in living organisms; living systems; homeostasis; and ecosystems and the environment. (TEA website 2010)

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**Electronic Textbook:** Texas Biology Copyright: 2015

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This textbook is **only available electronically** through **Eanes Account Portal** <https://idauto.eanesisd.net>

**Supplies:** iPad and charger (everyday!)

 Scissors

Glue

Colored pencils or markers

\**materials to donate for classroom use:* ***paper towels, sanitizing wipes*** *and* ***tissues****.*

**Google Classroom**- This is where all notes and resources for the course will be located.

**Grading: 5% -** Daily Work

 **35% -** QuizzesandLabs

**60% -** Test and Project

**0% -** Practice (Homework)

**Learning Targets:** This is a very important document that will be given to each student at the beginning of each unit. This document will also serve as a **review sheet** for the unit and should be used to study. All tests are designed from the content on the learning targets.

# Make-up Policy: For every one day a student is absent, the student will have one day to make up assignments. The student is responsible for getting the assignments that were missed. School related activities are known in advance and the assignment, if possible, will be due before the absence occurs. Test and quizzes will be expected to be completed the day the student returns to class from a school related absence.

# Tutorials: PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TUTORIALS! If you are in need of extra help, come by room 309 before school, 8:25am-8:45 am or after school and during lunch by appointment.

**Retest Policy:** Any student may retest up to a **80** on a unit assessment. In order to be eligible to retest, the student must:

* have ALL unit assignments (Daily, Practice and Lab) turned in
* create and/or complete a teacher-approved review activity

The retest format could be selected response, short answer, and essay. The student must complete the retest within **five** school days of receiving test results. The student must sign up with the instructor if he/she chooses to retest. The student is only allowed to retest one time per unit and the **retest grade is the grade that will be posted to the grade book**.

In pre-ap biology, unit quizzes can be replaced by the higher unit test grade, but students may NOT use the retest grade to replace the quiz grades.

**Class Behaviors:** Students are expected to have their charged iPads every day in class, work collaboratively with other students and **no cell phone** use during class.